

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE)
FOR SOCIAL WORKERS,)
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Petitioner,)
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vs.)
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TRITOBIA JONES,)
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Respondent.)

No. 06-1298 SW

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW &
DISCIPLINARY ORDER IMPOSING PROBATION**

The State Committee for Social Workers having received the record and decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission in the matter of Tritobia Jones, the question of appropriate discipline pursuant to §§ 337.630.4 and 621.110 RSMo. was taken up, pursuant to notice, on June 26, 2008, at the Committee's regularly scheduled meeting in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Jones appeared personally and with her attorneys, Joseph Dulle and William Clendenin. The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Hale. Division of Professional Registration Senior Legal Counsel David Barrett acted as the Committee's legal advisor at the hearing, during deliberations, and in the preparation of this order.

The testimony of Ms. Jones was heard, an exhibit was received, and counsel made arguments on the merits of the matter. Every member of the Committee who participated in this matter first read the decision of the Administrative Hearing Commission. Being fully apprized in the matter, the

Committee enters the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, and enters the following disciplinary order:

Findings of Fact

1. The State Committee of Social Workers is an agency of the State of Missouri, created and established pursuant to § 337.622 RSMo., for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of §§ 337.600-.689 RSMo.

2. Tritobia Jones is licensed by the Committee as a licensed clinical social worker, license number SW003040. The license is current and active.

3. The Administrative Hearing Commission's decision of November 14, 2007, is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set out. Generally, Jones was found to have been incompetent and to have violated professional trust and confidence in regards to her billing of Medicaid for services rendered in her private practice.

4. Jones has discontinued her private practice. She is now employed in a corporate setting where there are not third-party billing issues.

5. Jones has entered into a payment agreement regarding funds that she still owes to Medicaid with the collections unit of the Attorney General's Office. She is current on her payments under that agreement.

Conclusions of Law

A. Jones is subject to discipline under the provisions of §§ 337.630.4 and 621.110 RSMo.

B. The law allows the Committee to censure Jones, or place her on probation on such terms and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate for a period not to exceed five years, or to suspend her license for a period not to exceed three years, or to revoke her license.

Disciplinary Order

The Committee, having fully considered the matter, and in accord with the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, does hereby **PROBATE** the clinical social worker license of Tritobia Jones for a period of three years from the date of this order, upon the following terms and conditions. **Jones is cautioned that the Committee will consider the care and attention to detail that she demonstrates in abiding these terms of probation as indicative of her professional abilities.**

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Jones shall meet with the Committee or its representative at such times and places as required by the Committee after notification of a required meeting.

B. Jones shall keep the Committee apprized of her current home and work addresses and telephone numbers. Jones shall inform the Committee within ten (10) days of any change of home or work address and home or work telephone number.

C. Jones shall comply with all provisions of the Chapter 337, RSMo, as they pertain to the practice of clinical social work; and all federal and state

criminal laws. "State" here includes the State of Missouri and all other states and territories of the United States, and their political subdivisions. "Criminal laws" here include penal regulations and ordinances of political subdivisions.

D. During the probationary period, Jones shall timely renew her license and timely pay all fees required for licensing and comply with all other Committee requirements necessary to maintain her license in an active and unexpired status.

E. During the disciplinary period, Jones shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Committee's representatives to monitor her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

F. If Jones fails to comply with the terms of this agreement, in any respect, the Committee may impose such additional or other discipline that it deems appropriate. Such additional or other discipline will only be imposed by agreement or after a hearing under the provisions Chapter 536 RSMO., in accordance with § 620.153 RSMo.

G. For purposes of this Order, unless otherwise specified in this Order, all reports, documentation, evaluations, notices, or other materials required to be submitted to the Committee in this Order shall be forwarded to: State Committee for Social Workers, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, PO Box 1335, Jefferson City Missouri 65102.

H. This Order does not bind the Committee or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any other violation of Chapter 337, RSMo, by Jones not specifically mentioned in this document.

I. The requirements of this order shall remain in effect during any appeal; if any of the terms of this order are stayed pending review the passage of time under this order shall be tolled. Termination of probation under this order shall be tolled upon the filing of a probation violation complaint until such time as the allegations of the complaint are finally resolved.

II. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Jones shall comply with the terms of her agreement with the collections unit of the Attorney General's Office. She shall report any breach of the agreement, or modification of the agreement, to the Committee in writing within ten days of such breach or modification.

B. Jones shall not practice in any setting where a third party is billed for her services, or the services of any person she supervises. Upon motion the Committee will liberally amend this term but may require Jones' practice/supervised in such cases be supervised under such terms as may then appear appropriate.


C. Jones shall, within one year of the date of this order, complete six hours of course work on the documentation of clinical social work practice that would meet the Committee's continuing education standards. Courses offered by Missouri Health Net will be deemed to satisfy this requirement. These six hours shall be in addition to Jones' ordinary continuing education requirement. Jones shall notify the Committee in writing within ten days of her completion of this requirement; the notice shall be accompanied by course completion certificates.

Except as otherwise provided herein, this disciplinary order will terminate without further action by the Committee on the third anniversary of the date it is issued, and Jones' license will be fully restored to good standing without further action by the Committee.

The Committee will maintain this Order as an open and public record as provided in Chapters 337, 610, and 620, RSMo.

Entered this 2nd day of July, 2008.

**STATE COMMITTEE FOR
SOCIAL WORKERS**



Tom Reichard
Executive Director